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Education

2024	PhD in Rhetoric and Composition, Texas Christian University Border Checkpoints: A Rhetorical Analysis (Best Dissertation Award, Tejas Foco) Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies
2014	MA in Rhetoric and Composition, Texas State University
2011	BA in English Literature, Texas A&M University

Professional Appointments

2024-Present	Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, Writing, and Literacy Studies Department of Writing and Language Studies The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
2023-2024	Assistant Director Center for Digital Expression Texas Christian University
2022-2023	Graduate Assistant Institutional Effectiveness Texas Christian University
2020-2022	Graduate Instructor Department of English Texas Christian University
2019-2020	Radford Fellow Department of English Texas Christian University
2016-2019	Research Analyst Research and Analytical Services South Texas College
2016-2019	Adjunct Instructor Department of English Texas Southmost College
2015-2016	Teacher James Pace Early College High School Brownsville Independent School District
2012-2014	Graduate Instructor/Graduate Assistant Department of English Texas State University
2011-2012	College Adviser López High School College Advising Corps Texas A&M University

Peer Reviewed Works

Accepted	Cano, José Luis, Jr. "The Composition of Thoughts." Harvard Educational Review.
Accepted	Cano, José Luis, Jr. "Apareció la Llorona." Chiricú Journal: Latina/o Literatures, Arts, Cultures.
Accepted	Cano, José Luis, Jr. and Angela D. Mack. "Writing with Light in the Carceral State." enculturation: A Journal of Rhetoric, Writing, and Culture.
2024	Cano, José Luis, Jr. "Composition Studies at the US-Mexico Border." <i>College Composition & Communication</i> , vol. 76, no. 2., 2024, pp. 239-262. (Honorable Mention for Richard Braddock Award)
2023	Cano, José Luis, Jr. "El Retén Fronterizo: Un Foto Ensayo/The Border Checkpoint: A Photo Essay." Latinx Talk: Research, Commentary, Creativity, web, 2023.
2022	Cano, José Luis, Jr. " <u>A Scyborg Composition Course</u> ." <i>Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy</i> , vol. 26, no. 2, 2022, webtext.
2016	Cano, José Luis, Jr. "Code Switching." <i>Decolonizing Rhetoric and Composition Studies</i> , edited by Iris D. Ruiz and Raúl Sánchez. Palgrave Macmillan, 2016, pp. 63-75.

Public and Invited Publications

2023	Cano, José Luis, Jr " <u>How Border Checkpoints Create 'Enemies.'</u> " <i>La Cuenta</i> eds. Antero Garcia and Alix Dick, Nov., 2023, web.
2023	Baker, Carlee A., Amber Buck, Angela D. Mack, and James Chase Sánchez. Moderated by José Luis Cano Jr. and Daisy Levy. "Stories that Lead to Action: An Exploration of US Political Rhetorics." constellations: a cultural rhetorics publishing space, no. 6, 2023, web.
2021	Cano, José Luis, Jr. "Rhetorical Bilingualism." <i>Planning with Purpose: A Handbook for College Teachers</i> , eds. Anna J. Small Roseboro and Claudia A. Marshall, Rowman & Littlefield, 2021.
2021	Carmen Kynard, José Manuel Cortez, Khadeidra Billingsley, and José Luis Cano Jr. "Tenure Under Attack: An Examination of Tenure's Viability and Value in the Neoliberal Academy." constellations: a cultural rhetorics publishing space, no. 5, 2022, web.

Review Essays

2021	Cano, José Luis, Jr. "Stories of Antiracist Theory, Instruction, and Practice: A Review
	Essay." Rhetoric, Politics & Culture, vol. 1, no. 1, 2021, pp. 107-129.

Summer Research and Funded Writing

2025	Inaugural Weiss Summer Fellow Weiss Summer Writing Retreat Penn State University
2023	Research Resident Migrations Summer Institute Cornell University
2022	Policy Fellow Dallas Region Urban Leaders Fellowship

Courses Taught

The University
of Texas Rio
Grande Valley

ENGL 6321, Research Methods in Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy

- This graduate course incorporates a broad range of research method/ologies that account for imaginative and material realities.

ENGL 3345, Studies in Literacy

- This course uses approaches from underrepresented groups to discuss literacy.

ENGL 6324, Pedagogy in Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy

- This graduate course conceptualizes rhetoric, composition, and literacy from the vantage point of Border Studies, Carceral Studies, and Black Studies.

ENGL 3345, Studies in Literacy

- This course uses approaches from underrepresented groups to discuss literacy.

ENGL 4343, Composition Theory and Pedagogy

- This course engages theories of composition and pedagogy appropriate for writers, teachers, and educators at the US-Mexico border.

ENGL 3340, Survey of Rhetorical Theory

- This course surveys theories of rhetoric in the Western hemisphere, particularly from colonized, minoritized, and underrepresented groups.

Texas Christian University

ENGL 20803, Intermediate Composition: Latinx Rhetorics (Theme Created)

- The Department of Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) approved this Department of English course with a CRES-designation.

ENGL 10803, Introductory Composition: Writing as Inquiry

- I constructed online modalities to instruction during this pandemic teaching through Google Workspace.

Texas Southmost College

ENGL 1301, Composition I

I selected culturally relevant authors (i.e., Rudolfo Anaya and Gloria Anzaldúa) for students to write personal, visual, and rhetorical compositions.

ENGL 1302, Composition II

- I framed discussions, readings, and assignments around machismo, immigration, and local culture.

ENGL 2341, Forms of Literature

- I chose a comparative approach to literature that incorporated American and Latin

American literature.

Texas State	
University	

ENGL 1301, College Writing I

I implemented individual writing and group collaborations for personal and analytical writing.

ENGL 1302, College Writing II

- I implemented individual writing and group collaborations for research writing.

James Pace High School

Freshmen English, Junior English AP, Senior English AP

I selected texts from Chicanx, Indigenous, and Black rhetorical traditions in all levels of my teaching.

Invited Lectures and Featured Speaker

2025	"Meshing Teaching with Research through Autohistoriando." <i>Teaching and Research Integration in the Classroom and Community</i> . Center for Teaching Excellence, UTRGV, Brownsville, TX, Apr. 7, 2025.
2024	"Autohistoriando entre Maestros." <i>Maestro Conference</i> , College of Education, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, 18 May 2024.
2023	"Composing Criminality at the US-Mexico Border." <i>Gateway Seminar in Critical Race Theory</i> (course), Prof. Angela D. Mack, Department of Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, 25 Oct. 2023.
2023	"Imagining Latinidad: Institutional Support for Student Success at Hispanic-Serving Institutions." Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA, 17 Oct. 2023.
2023	"Qualitative Methodologies: Proximities, Risks, and Ethics." <i>Qualitative Inquiry</i> (graduate course), Prof. Pablo Montes, Department of Counseling, Societal Change, and Inquiry, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, 2 Oct. 2023.
2023	"Photographing Community at the US-Mexico Border." You Tube, uploaded by Dutchess Community College, 28 Sep. 2023, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=On4kF7H6ZuI.
2023	"Rhetorics at the Border: Audience, Writing, and Law." <i>Borders, Race, and Literature</i> (course), Instructor Danielle López, University of Texas-San Antonio, Department of English, Virtual, 29 Mar. 2023.
2023	"A Legacy of Legal Violence." <i>Introduction to Latinx Studies</i> (course), Prof. Florencio Aranda III, Department of Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, 13 Feb. 2023.

2022	"Graduate Student Voices: Researching, Teaching, and Studying." Texas Christian
	University's McNair Scholars Program, Fort Worth, TX, 29 Oct. 2022.
2022	"Publishing Digital Scholarship." Center for Digital Expression, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, 11 Feb. 2022.
2021	"Implementing Antiracist Writing Pedagogy as a Graduate Student." Three Rivers Chapter of Rhetoric Society of America, Carnegie Mellon University, Virtual, 8 Oct. 2021.

Workshops

2023	Cano, José Luis, Jr. and Raúl Rodríguez. "Just 3 Things on Phone Photography." Center for Digital Expression, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, 10 Nov. 2023.
2023	"Stories of Professional Growth in Educational Spaces" Professional Growth Leadership Academy, California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA, 18 Oct. 2023.
2022	Cano, José Luis, Jr. and Pamela Guerrero. "Bridging the Personal with the Academic: Folklore in Research and Creative Works." Intercultural Center, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, 3 Nov. 2022.

Conference Presentations (Refereed)

2025	"The Rhetorical Figure of La Llorona." Tejas Foco, Lubbock, TX, 6-8 Mar. 2025.
2024	"The Write Kinda Love: Abundance and Rupture through Corridos, Facultades Serpentinas, and Paying No Nevermind." College Composition and Communication Conference, Spokane, WA, 3-6 Apr. 2024.
2024	"The Visual Curriculum of Immigration Enforcement." Comparative Race and Ethnicity Studies Justice Conference, Fort Worth, TX, 7-8 Mar. 2024. (Outstanding Graduate Essay Award)
2023	"Sharing Our Stories: Creating and Sustaining Connection and Community." National Council of Teachers of English, Columbus, OH, 17 Nov. 2023.
2023	"Composing Community through Photography." National Council of Teachers of English, Columbus, OH, 17 Nov. 2023. (Poster Session)
2023	"Fugitive Justice: Photography, Self-Care and Visual Storytelling as Radical Imaginations of Flight in Praxis." College Composition and Communication, Chicago, IL, 16 Feb. 2023.
2022	"Fugitive Rhetorics at Border Patrol Checkpoints." National Council of Teachers of English. Anaheim, California. 18 Nov. 2022. (Poster Session)

2022	Mass Incarceration." Conference on College Composition and Communication, Virtual, 12 Mar. 2022.
2022	"Empower Your Comunidad: Mobilizing Cultural, Educational, and Political Groups." TACHE, Fort Worth, TX, 1 Mar. 2022.
2022	"Planning with Purpose: A Workshop for New College Teachers and Instructors." JoLLE@UGA, Virtual, 5 Mar. 2022.
2022	"Inscribing Criminality at Border Checkpoints." John L. Nau Conference, San Antonio, TX, 25 Mar. 2022.
2021	"Pedagogical Counter-Narratives of Anti-Racist/Anti-Colonial/Intersectional Praxis." Conference on Community Writing, Virtual, 22 Oct. 2021.
2020	"Innovation through Qualitative Approaches." Texas Association for Institutional Research, San Antonio, TX, 3 Mar. 2020.
2019	"Qualitative Methods in Institutional Research Offices." Texas Association for Institutional Research, Horseshoe Bay, TX, 26 Feb. 2019.
2018	"Writing the Ethnic Identity: Latinxs in <i>College Composition and Communication</i> ." National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference. Houston, TX, 16 Nov. 2018.
2017	"Latinas/os in Dual Credit Courses: Living Realities, Cultivating Pedagogies," Conference on College Composition and Communication. Portland, OR, 17 Mar. 2017.
2014	"The Border Remains: Contemporary Chicana/o Narratives," <i>National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies</i> . Salt Lake City, UT, 10 Apr. 2014.
2014	"Looking South for Knowledge: Mexican and Mexican American Students in First-Year English," Conference on College Composition and Communication. Indianapolis, IN, 21 Mar. 2014.
2014	"English or Spanish: Engaging the Bilingual Repertoire in Rhetoric and Composition," NACCS Tejas Foco. Northwest Vista College, 21 Feb. 2014.
2013	"Yo Digo y Tú Dices: A Look at the Physical Body for Positionality in the Writing Class," Second Annual Cultural Studies in Education Conference. UT Austin, 8 Mar. 2013.
2013	"Individual Identity, National Label." NACCS Tejas Foco. University of Texas Pan American, 23 Feb. 2013.

Professional Activity and Service

2024-Present	Member, Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy Studies Program at UTRGV
2022-2025	Managing Editor, constellations: a cultural rhetorics publishing space
2025	Organizer, La Llorona at the US-Mexico Border (Photo Installation) at UTRGV
2023-2024	Mentor, McNair Scholars, Texas Christian University
2023	Writing Consultant, TCU Office of Admissions
2022-2023	Assistant Editor, College English
2022	Co-organizer, "De-centering Whiteness in Rhet-Comp Methodologies: A Plática with Aja Y. Martinez," Texas Christian University
2022	Reviewer, Computers and Writing 2022 Conference Proceedings
2018-2022	Stage 1 Proposal Reviewer, National Council of Teachers of English
2021	Reviewer, Forum, Rhetoric, Politics & Culture
2020-2021	Graduate Senator (elected), College of Liberal Arts, Texas Christian University
2020	Co-organizer, Taco 'bout STEM, Lopez High School, Brownsville ISD
2020	Judge, History Fair, Fort Worth ISD

Awards

2025	Best Dissertation in Tejano Studies, NACCS Tejas Foco
2025	Honorable Mention for Best Dissertation in Rhetoric and Composition Award, CCCC
2024	Cultivating New Voices among Scholars of Color, NCTE
2024	Research and Creativity Award, College of Liberal Arts, TCU
2024	Creativity Award, Department of Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies, TCU
2024	Research Award, Department of English, TCU
2021	Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts, TCU
2021	Graduate Instructor of the Year, Department of English, TCU
2021	Tate Prize in Composition Studies, Rhet-Comp Program, TCU
2019-2021	Outstanding Graduate Student, Rhet-Comp Program, TCU
2017-2018	Early Career Educator of Color Leadership Award, NCTE

Fellowships/Scholarships and Grants

2024	Travel Grant, CCCC/NCTE Chairs' Memorial Award, \$750
2023	Immigrants Making Powerful Affirming Change Together (Impact), Long Beach Immigrants Rights' Coalition, \$200
2022	Travel Grant, CCCC/NCTE Scholars for the Dream \$1,000
2021	Travel Grant, TCU Center for Texas Study, \$600
2019-2020	Fellowship, TCU Rhet-Comp Radford Fellowship, \$21,000
2014	Scholarship, San Marcos Association of Retired Teachers, \$1,000
2012-2014	Scholarship, South Texas Academic Rising Scholars, \$4,000

Certifications and Digital Literacies

2014 - Present 7-12 English Language Arts Certification, Texas Education Agency
Bootstraps, Leaflet.js, Python, QGIS, ArcGIS